# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:63
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DEATH OF LABOURERS DUE TO GAS LEAKAGE
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the death of labourers caused due to gas leakage in a steel factory at Potheneri near Mettur in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether the company had complied with the established safety norms; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS ( SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) : No, Sir.As reported by the Chief Inspector of Factories, Government of Tamil Nadu, an accident took place in M/sSouthern Iron and Steel Company Limited, Potheneri, near Mettur in Tamil Nadu, wherein three employees dieddue to inhalation of Carbon monoxide accumulated in the raw-material storage in the bell part of the blast furnace. The Management, it has been reported, has not complied with the provisions of Section 36 of the Factories Act, 1948. A show-cause notice was issued to the occupier and the Manager of the factory. The factory was covered under Employees` State Insurance (E.S.I.) Scheme.The legal heir of the deceased have been paid Rs. 70,000/- each under the LIC Group Insurance Scheme and Rs. 30,000/- each under Personal Accident Scheme.